on Savings Deposits (Savings Banks Accounts) is regulated by Reserve Bank of India.

Government and RBI constantly monitor the credit needs of different sectors of the economy and undertake corrective measures, when required, to ensure that adequate funds flow to Agriculture, Small & Medium Enterprises and such other important sectors. Keeping in view the continuous demand to include new areas such as infrastructure within the ambit of priority sector and suggestion that the focus of the needy sectors of the economy and weaker sections of the society is getting lost because of inclusion of additional sectors in priority sector lending, RBI has set up an Internal Working Group to review the existing policy on priority sector lending.

Cancellation of flights due to floods in Mumbai

*97. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of flights of Air India and Indian Airlines cancelled on account of recent floods in Mumbai;

(b) the quantum of losses caused to the two airlines;

(c) whether any damage was caused to domestic and international terminals in Mumbai on account of the said floods; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Air India and Indian Airlines cancelled 123 and 294 flights respectively on accounts of floods in Mumbai.

(b) Indian Airlines/Alliance Air and Air India have suffered a loss of Rs. 4.09 crores and Rs. 17.09 crores respectively.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Due to flooding, many of electrical installations at International Terminal and Domestic Terminal-1A like sub-station equipments, lift pits, escalator pits, pumps and conveyor belts in Terminal-2A arrival area were partially/fully submerged in water. Replacement/Repair cost of damage is Rs. 300.00 lakhs approx. for electrical installations and Rs. 16.00 for Civil works.

Damages were also causd to Electronic Systems installed at Terminal-2 and Cargo Terminal at CSI Airport and also to Radar and Navigational Aids. The cost of these damages amount to Rs. 261 lakhs.

New hijack prevention policy

*98. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Cabinet Committee on Security has approved a new hijack prevention policy for India;

(b) if so, whether the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security has prepared an aviation security manual that lists out procedures and identifies the strategic targets; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) The Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) has approved Contingency Plan for handling aircraft hijack situation.

(b) and (c) A Committee has been constituted under the chairmanship of the Commissioner of Security (Civil Aviation), Bureau of Civil Aviation Security to prepare Aviation Security (AVSEC) Manual on handling Aircraft Hijack situation. The Committee is expected to submit its report by 31st January, 2006.

Boost to small and medium enterprises

*99. SHRIMATI JAMANA DEVI BARUPAL:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in a bid to boost small and medium sized enterprises, he has charted a four pronged strategy for sectoral development including bringing in a legislation and doubling bank credit to Rs. 1,35,000 crore in five years;

(b) whether he has pionted out that flow of credit to small scale industry and tiny sector was targeted to be doubled in five years;

(c) whether number of registration of small scale industry in the country between 1999-2000 and 2004-05 went up from 12.32 lakhs to 14.38 lakhs; and